Weightage for	Percentage (%)
(a) Rural Population	40
(b) States under DDP, DPAP, HADP and special category hill States in terms of rural areas	35
(c) Not Covered/Partially Covered villages (at 2:1 ratio)	15
(d) Quality affected villages	10
TOTAL :	100

Individual rural water supply schemes are planned and implemented by the State Governments themselves and ARWSP funds are not released by the Central Government for specific projects of any State. West Bengal Government has covered all NC/PC habitations in 1999 CAP list, they can utilize higher percentage (%) of ARWSP funds for quality purposes on the basis of 75:25 funding pattern between the Central and State Government.

Sex detemining clinics

4724. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the misuse of Ultrasound Clinics and Genetic Centres for sex-determination tests; and

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to check such misuse and ensure strict implementation of the law against sex selection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) There are 26199 units having ultrasound registered in the country under the Pre-conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994.

The implementation of the PNDT Act rests with the States and Union Territories through the Appropriate Authorities appointed under the Act at State, District as well as Sub-district levels in some States/UTs. Appropriate Authorities are empowered with the powes of Civil Court for search, seizure and sealing the machines, equipments and records of the violations of

law including sealing of premises and commissioning of witnesses. It has been made mandatory to maintain proper records in respect of the use of ultrasound machines and other equipments capable of detection of sex of foetus and also in respect of tests and procedures that may lead to preconception selection of sex. The sale of ultrasound machines has been regulated through laying down the condition of sale only to the bodies registered under the Act. As on 31.3.2005, there are 303 ongoing cases in the Courts/Police for various violations of the law out of which 24 cases have been filed in respect of "Communication of sex foetus". 33 ultrasound machines are also sealed and seized on violation of the law. The violation of the Act is punishable with imprisonment up to 5 years and fine up to Rs. 1.00 lakh apart from cancellation of registration and license.

Medical Grants Commission

4725. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:
SHRI DATTAMEGHE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact .that the medical education has been the same for the last 50 years;

(b) if so, whether Government now propose to go for a complete revamp of medical education owing to rapid progress in the world of medicine;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also proposed to set up a Medical Grants Commission on the lines of University Grants Commission for providing assistance to Medical Education; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANBAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Medical Education in India has not remained static for the past 50 years. There have been changes in Medical Education in India commensurate with the developments taking place from time to time. In fact, this is an ongoing process. The syllabus, the examination pattern, the requirements in colleges etc. have been prescribed in various regulations notified under Section 33 of Indian Medical Council Act.